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SUBJECT:TEXTILES

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1. UNDER GATT - SPONSORED ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES (MULTI-FIBER ARRANGEMENT OR MFA) U.S. HAS NEGOTIATED VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH 18 OF OUR MAJOR TEXTILE SUPPLIERS. OUR SMALLEST BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, COVERING ONLY COTTON TEXTILES, ARE WITH POLAND AND ROMANIA, WITH AGGREGATE ANNUAL RESTRAINT LEVELS OF 15 AND 20 MILLION SQUARE YARDS, RESPECTIVELY. OUR SMALLEST AGREEMENT WHICH COVERS COTTON, WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES IS WITH HAITI, WITH AN AGGREGATE ANNUAL RESTRAINT LEVEL OF 61 MILLION SQUARE YARDS.

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2. UNDER THE MFA, THE U.S. ALSO HAS THE RIGHT TO

TAKE UNILATERAL RESTRAINT ACTION ON SPECIFIC PRODUCTS IF THEY THREATEN TO DISRUPT THE DOMESTIC MARKET. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO UNILATERAL RESTRAINTS IN EFFECT AT THIS TIME.

3. IF TEXTILE EXPORTS FROM NEPAL TO THE U.S. SHOULD REACH A LEVEL WHICH THREATENS DISRUPTION OF THE U.S. MARKET, WE WOULD REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH NEPAL WITH A VIEW TO SETTING A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE LEVEL FOR TRADE IN THE AFFECTED PRODUCT OR PRODUCTS. IF SUCH CONSULTATIONS DID NOT RESULT IN AGREEMENT WE WOULD CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF UNILATERAL RESTRAINTS.

4. UNDER THE MFA, UNILATERAL RESTRAINT LEVELS CANNOT BE LOWER THAN THE LEVEL OF SHIPMENTS FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS (THREE MONTHS BEFORE IF LATER DATA NOT AVAILABLE). THE MFA ALSO REQUIRES THAT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE NEEDS OF SMALL DEVELOPING OR NEW TEXTILE EXPORTING COUNTRIES IF RESTRAINTS ARE IMPLEMENTED. CURRENT U.S. TEXTILE POLICY REFLECTS THIS PROVISION OF THE MFA. ROBINSON

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